



In the Office Action of November 3, 2005, the Examiner required election of either Group I including claims 1-5 and 7-17 or Group II including claims 29-31 for examination. First of all, Applicant assumes the Examiner considers claim 32, by virtue of its dependency of claim 31, as part of Group II. With that assumption, Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-5 and 7-17 for examination, and withdraws claims 29-32 under protest.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's characterization of the claims at issue, that Groups I and II are directed towards different subclasses. Group I, using claim 1 as an example, includes the recitation of "selectively providing calendar entry or entries for the first time-period, in accordance with the access privilege of the group affiliation and/or user type for the first time period", whereas Group II, using claim 29 as an example, includes the recitation of "grant and/or deny access to a first of the plurality of time-periods to said second user in accordance with the access privilege for the first time-period of the user group and/or type determined for said second user". So, while the claim language is slightly different, nonetheless, both claims include in substance the same recitation, that is, the access to the first time period is granted based on the group privilege of the group with which the accessing user is associated. Accordingly, Groups I and II are directed towards the same class/subclass.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits examination of all claims 1-5, 7-17 and 29-31 is appropriate, and respectfully so request.

Additionally, Applicant has taken this opportunity and amended claims 1, 7, 13 and 14 to correct a number of previously undetected informalities.

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